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"SAGA OF CHIEF JOSEPH"

Helen Addison Howard, University of Montana graduate, who now lives in Los Angeles, has published a book of western history, "Saga of Chief Joseph."

The book, a story of the leader of the Nez Pierce Indians, is a revision of an earlier writing. The latest work includes many new facts and historical insights.

The story of Chief Joseph is told from the Indian, Army and volunteer points of view. Chief Joseph led his tribe in a massive resistance against United States government attempts to take the Indian land and transport the Nez Pierce Indians to a reservation. The Indian revolt was caused by two reasons. First, the land was the ancestral residence of the Nez Pierce. Their forefathers were buried on the land. Secondly, the Indians considered the land sacred and would not allow it to be tilled or cultivated. Thus the Indians felt their existence threatened for both historical and religious reasons. Chief Joseph, finally overpowered by the sheer might of the United States, made an eloquent speech pointing out that his young men had been killed and his old men were in hiding. "From where the sun now stands," he said, "I will fight no more."

Helen Addison Howard was graduated from the University of Montana in 1927. She later worked as a feature writer for a Missoula newspaper. She is now married to Ben Overland, a Los Angeles restaurant owner.

She has also written "Northwest Trail Blazers," the story of such men as Lewis and Clark and Marcus Daly, and "War Chief Joseph." She writes for periodicals such as True West, Real West, Journal of the West, and "Montana, the Journal of Western History."